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TOPIC Magdeburg-South Airfield

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EVALUATION _____

PLACE OBTAINED _____

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DATE OF CONTENT _____

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DATE PREPARED 28 February 1950

REFERENCES _____

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 Sketch

REMARKS _____

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SOURCE _____

1. a. Three biplanes were parked at the Magdeburg-South (M 53/D 69) airfield.
Description: In-line engine, two-bladed propeller, water cooled, painted dark green, Soviet star on white field, armaments or antenna rods not identified.
- b. Five more biplanes, apparently of the same type, were parked in an open hangar. Two persons left a biplane which had apparently just landed. The person who sat in the rear carried a hand operated aircraft camera to the flight control station.
2. A sentry with black epaulets and armed with a pistol was at the field entrance gate. Twenty soldiers wearing blue or black epaulets passed through the gate within two hours. Some of the soldiers with black service color had the flying insignia on their epaulets. Passenger cars _____ 25X1C
the latter with an air force driver, were parked at the entrance of the field. Except for 10 soldiers working on the aircraft no other Soviets were seen.
3. The landing field had a good grass cover (for location see Annex), The cantonment buildings beside the hangar were occupied. Eight fuel barrels, one with a fuel pump operated by hand, were stored nearby.

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Comment:

- a. According to the description of the aircraft _____ the planes are of R-5 type (an obsolescent air reconnaissance plane). The occupation of the field by biplanes has often been _____
The missions of the air force unit however are _____ 25X1X
unknown. 25X1C
- b. From the _____ it can be assumed that the aircraft are assigned to a component courier unit of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany.
1. Annex: 1 sketch : Magdeburg-South Airfield.

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